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# UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEWJERSEY

PHARMSCRIPT, L.L.C.,	Case No.: 3:17-cv-05966-BRM-DEA
Plaintiff,	
V.	
	MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN SUPPORT OF
ST. FRANCIS OF WILLIAMSVILLE	MOTION TO INTERVENE BY
NURSING HOME,	COMPREHENSIVE AT WILLIAMSVILLE
	LLC
Defendant.	

Comprehensive at Williamsville LLC ("Intervenor") hereby moves this Honorable Court, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a), for leave of court to intervene in the above captioned matter. In support of its motion, Intervenor states as follows:

- Intervenor operates a skilled nursing facility at 147 Reist St., Williamsville, NY
   14221.
- 2. Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a)(2), "anyone" must be granted leave to intervene where that individual or entity "claims an interest relating to the property or transaction that is the subject of the action, and is so situated that disposing of the action may as a

practical matter impair or impede the movant's ability to protect its interest, unless existing parties adequately represent that interest."

- 3. On August 9, 2107, Plaintiff Pharmscript L.L.C. ("Plaintiff") filed the instant lawsuit against Defendant St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home ("Defendant"). In the lawsuit, Plaintiff alleges that "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home" operates a skilled nursing facility located at 147 Reist St, Williamsville, NY 14221. (Dkt. No. at paragraph 3).
- 4. The disposition of this lawsuit potentially may impair Intervenor's interests and Intervenor falls into the category contemplated by Fed. R. Civ. P. 24(a) where Intervenor must be granted leave to intervene as of right.
- 5. Upon information and belief, there is no corporate entity named "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home." However, as stated above, it is Intervenor that operates a skilled nursing facility at that same address, 147 Reist St., Williamsville, NY 14221.
- 6. Although the undersigned counsel represent Intervenor, they cannot formally appear on behalf of "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home" because no such legal entity exists.
- 7. The entity confusion described herein is likely attributable to two reasons. First, the contract at issue in the Complaint describes the contracting parties as "Pharmscript, L.L.C." and "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home." Second, because the contract uses the name, "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home," attorney Nathan mistakenly stated during a privileged settlement communication with Plaintiff's counsel that he represented "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home." In fact, as described above, the undersigned counsel only represent Intervenor and do not represent the non-entity and named defendant "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home." Attorney Nathan previously explained this mistake to Plaintiff's counsel Andrew Thomas Hahn, Esq. and

provided to him the corporate entity information described herein after attorney Nathan learned of the instant lawsuit, but *before* Plaintiff made any request enter default against Defendant.

- 8. However, on September 25, 2017, Plaintiff requested that the clerk of court enter default against "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home." (Dkt. No.9). Default was entered by the clerk the following day on September 26, 2017. (Dkt. 10).
- 9. Plaintiff's Request for Entry of Default asserted that "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home" was a non-profit New York business entity that was properly served. (Dkt. No.9-1, paragraph 7). Upon information and belief, this is not accurate because, as stated above, there is no legal entity by the name of "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home."
- 10. It is possible, however, that the entity Plaintiff intended when it described this non-profit entity is "St. Francis Home of Williamsville, New York." (See New York Department of State Division of Corporations Printout, attached hereto as Exhibit 1). However, the undersigned do <u>not</u> represent "St. Francis Home of Williamsville, New York."
- 11. Although Intervenor does not have control over the non-profit entity "St. Francis Home of Williamsville, New York," Intervenor has an interest in this litigation because it currently operates the skilled nursing facility located at 147 Reist. St, Williamsville, NY 14221, which is the same location where Intervenor operates its business. (See Certificate, attached hereto as Exhibit 2).
- 12. Intervenor seeks leave of court to intervene so that it may provide the Court with corporate information consistent with this memorandum by submitting the attached letter to the Court. (Letter to Court, attached hereto as Exhibit 3).

13. Therefore, Intervenor respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant it leave to intervene in this matter, consistent with the proposed order submitted herewith.

Dated: November 26, 2017 Respectfully submitted by:

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## **NYS Department of State**

## **Division of Corporations**

#### **Entity Information**

The information contained in this database is current through September 7, 2017.

Selected Entity Name: ST. FRANCIS HOME OF WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK

**Selected Entity Status Information** 

Current Entity Name: ST. FRANCIS HOME OF WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK

DOS ID #: 135095

Initial DOS Filing Date: JANUARY 27, 1961

**County:** ERIE

Jurisdiction: **NEW YORK** 

DOMESTIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION **Entity Type:** 

**Current Entity Status: ACTIVE** 

Selected Entity Address Information

DOS Process (Address to which DOS will mail process if accepted on behalf of the entity)

C/O PRESIDENT, CATHOLIC HEALTH SYSTEM, INC. CORPORATE OFFICE 144 GENESEE STREET

BUFFALO, NEW YORK, 14203

**Registered Agent** 

**NONE** 

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**\$ Value per Share** # of Shares **Type of Stock** 

No Information Available

\*Stock information is applicable to domestic business corporations.

#### **Name History**

Filing Date Name Type

**Entity Name** 

JAN 27, 1961 Actual

ST. FRANCIS HOME OF WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK

A Fictitious name must be used when the Actual name of a foreign entity is unavailable for use in New York State. The entity must use the fictitious name when conducting its activities or business in New York State.

NOTE: New York State does not issue organizational identification numbers.

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## Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Nursing Center at Williamsville

147 Reist Street Williamsville, NY 14221 (716) 633-5400

Web site: www.chsbuffalo.org/Facilities/NursingHomes/StFrancis

### **Services**

Baseline Services

#### **Beds**

Residential Health Care	142
Total Number Of Beds	142

#### **Administrative**

Ownership: Proprietary--LLC

 Operated by: Comprehensive at Williamsville LLC 147 and 149 Reist Street Williamsville, NY 14221

• PFI: 0274

Operating certificate: 1421308N

• DOH Regional Office: Western NY - Buffalo

Medicaid. Medicare certified

#### **Statistics**

Employee Flu Vaccination Rate: 47.0%

Occupancy Rate: 90.1%

#### **Ombudsman**

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#### **VIA CM/ECF Delivery**

The Honorable Brian R. Martinotti

Re: Pharmscript L.L.C. v. St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home,

3-17-cv-05966-BRM-DEA

Dear Judge Martinotti:

I write on behalf of Comprehensive at Williamsville LLC ("Intervenor"), a New York business entity doing business at 147 Reist St, Williamsville, NY 14221. There appears to be some confusion in this case as to corporate names which we would like to clear up. It is my understanding that the contract at issue in Plaintiff's complaint describes the contracting parties as follows:

#### PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

This Pharmaceutical Services Contract (the "Agreement") dated May 5, 2015 (the "Effective Date") by and between PharmScript, LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company with its office located at 81 Glendale Avenue, Edison NJ 08817 (hereinafter, the "Pharmacy") and St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home, with its office located at 147 Reist Street, Williamsville, NY 14221 (hereinafter, the "Facility").

Because of the way that the contract describes the skilled nursing facility involved, I engaged in a preliminary settlement correspondence that stated I represented *St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home*. This was an error and Mr. Nathan subsequently explained that error to counsel for Plaintiff, Mr. Andrew Hahn. I do represent Intervenor, which operates the skilled nursing facility at the location described in the complaint. However, upon information and belief, there is no business entity by the name of "St. Francis of Williamsville Nursing Home." Intervenor has attached various proofs of existence of corporate entities and names of those entities to its motion for leave to intervene which accompanies this letter.

To the extent that the plaintiff in this matter seeks to hold Intervenor liable in this litigation, Intervenor would seek to file an answer or otherwise plead in response to plaintiff's complaint.

The undersigned affirms, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing facts are true and correct, except as to those that are listed upon information and belief, and as to those facts, the undersigned reasonably believes them to be true and correct.

Respectfully,

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